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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20543

October 20, 2004

James P. White, Treasurer
Republican Campaign Committee
of New Mexico
2129 Osuna Road NE
Albuquerque, NM 87113

Response Due Date:
November 19, 2004

Identification Number: C00020818

Reference: September Monthly Report (8/1/04 - 8/31/04)

Dear Mr. White:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. This notice requests information essential to full public disclosure of your federal election campaign finances. **An adequate response must be received at the Commission by the response date noted above.** An itemization of the information needed follows:

-Schedule B supporting Line 21(b) of your report discloses payments to organizations which are not political committees registered with the Commission (see attached). It appears the disbursements were for goods and/or services provided to your committee. 11 CFR §100.52(d)(1) states that "...the provision of any goods or services without charge or at a charge which is less than the usual and normal charge for such goods or services is a contribution." Examples of goods and services include equipment, supplies, personnel, membership lists and mailing lists. The term "usual and normal charge" for goods is defined as "...the price of those goods in the market from which they ordinarily would have been purchased at the time of the contribution". The usual and normal charge for services is defined as "...the hourly or piecework charge for the services at a commercially reasonable rate prevailing at the time the services were rendered." 11 CFR §100.52(d)(2)

Please clarify whether your committee was assessed the usual and normal charge for the goods and/or services you received and explain the steps the organizations took in determining the amounts charged to you. If your committee was provided the goods and/or services at less than the usual and

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normal charge, the difference between the two is considered to be an in-kind contribution received by your committee from unregistered organizations and is prohibited subject to the limits set forth at 2 U.S.C. §§441a(f) and 441b or 11 CFR §102.5(b).

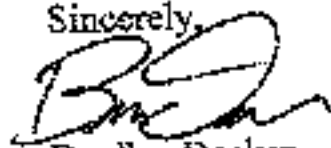
-Itemized disbursements must include a brief statement or description of why the disbursements were made. Please amend Schedules B and H4 of your report to clarify the following descriptions: "voter registration", "contract labor", "contract labor/non-fed candidate", and "expense reimbursement". For further guidance regarding acceptable purposes of disbursements, please refer to 11 CFR §104.3(b)(3).

-Schedule B supporting Line 21(b) of your report discloses payments for "voter registration" which appears to be disclosed on the wrong line of the Detailed Summary Page. Please be advised that Voter Registration activity during the period that begins on the date that is 120 calendar days before the date that a regularly scheduled Federal election is held and ends on the date of the election is considered to be Federal Election Activity. 11 CFR §100.24 Please amend your report to properly disclose this activity on Line 30(b).

Unlike previous election cycles, you will not receive an additional notice from the Commission on this matter. Adequate responses received on or before this date will be taken into consideration in determining whether audit action will be initiated. **Requests for extensions of time in which to respond will not be considered.** Failure to provide an adequate response by this date may result in an audit of the committee. Failure to comply with the provisions of the Act may also result in an enforcement action against the committee. Any response submitted by your committee will be placed on the public record and will be considered by the Commission prior to taking enforcement action.

Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designations and reports) in an electronic format and must submit an amended report in its entirety, rather than just those portions of the report that are being amended. If you should have any questions regarding this matter or wish to verify the adequacy of your response, please contact me on our toll-free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 5 to reach the Reports Analysis Division) or my local number (202) 694-1301.

Sincerely,



Bradley Decker
Campaign Finance Analyst
Reports Analysis Division

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Payee Name	Date	Amount
Republican Party of Bernalillo County	08/04/2004	\$375
Republican Party of Chaves County	08/04/2004	\$375
Republican Party of Dona Ana County	08/04/2004	\$375
Republican Party of Eddy County	08/04/2004	\$250
Republican Party of Lea County	08/04/2004	\$250
Republican Party of Los Alamos	08/04/2004	\$250
Republican Party of Otero County	08/04/2004	\$250
Republican Party of Sandoval County	08/04/2004	\$250
Republican Party of San Juan County	08/04/2004	\$375
Republican Party of San Juan County	08/12/2004	\$100
Republican Party of Santa Fe County	08/04/2004	\$250

